10/552284 JC20 Rec'd PCT/PTO 04 OCT **2005**

Atty. Dkt. No. 053466-0408 _

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Takayuki IKAI et al

Title: FOLLOWER FOR NONAQUEOUS

BALLPOINT PEN, AND NONAQUEOUS

BALLPOINT PEN

Appl. No.: Unassigned

Filing Date: Herewith

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: Unassigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present National Stage Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: